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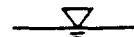
Mr. Fred B. Stroud, On-Scene Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

**Reference: Saad Trousdale Drive Site Phase III Removal Action
Field Implementation Schedule**

Dear Mr. Stroud:

On Friday, October 7, 1994 you were provided telephonic and written notice, via facsimile, of the Phase III schedule. Notification to you was followed up by hard copy via certified mail. The schedule, as provided in this correspondence, stated that mobilization for the Phase III work at the site would commence on Monday, October 17, 1994, that site preparation was expected to be completed by Friday, October 21, 1994, and that excavation and stockpiling in accordance with the approved Work Plan would begin the week of October 24, 1994. In accordance with this schedule and Section 6, Paragraph 1 of the Administrative Order By Consent ("AOC"), the Group's Phase III contractor has mobilized to the site, is nearing completion of site prep, and is expecting to begin the excavation and stockpiling activities on Wednesday, October 26, 1994. On Monday and Tuesday of next week (October 24th and 25th), the Group's contractor is planning to conduct preliminary sampling for waste characterization/profiling purposes, stake out the excavation area, and complete the site preparation work.

In your telephonic communication to me on Wednesday, October 19, 1994, the U.S. EPA wishes to effect a delay to the scheduled excavation and stockpiling activities until Tuesday, November 1, 1994 because of manpower deficiencies. It is the Group's intent to fully comply with the schedule as provided to the U.S. EPA on October 7, 1994. Wilda Cobb has since advised the Group that a delay will not be required to accommodate the U.S. EPA's manpower limitations and schedule if it would result in a cost increase to the Group and has requested a copy of the contract provision confirming this. That has been transmitted to her by Andrew Goddard. Accordingly, the Group's contractor will proceed in accordance with the schedule provided on October 7 unless you direct otherwise pursuant to the AOC.

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It was the intention of the Group's contractor to excavate the pit in cells and then backfill each cell upon completion. This methodology is much more efficient than digging the excavation in lifts. As related to me by the Group's contractor, however, it would be possible, although not desirable, to leave a larger excavation cell open until you arrive at the site on November 1, 1994. We will plan on doing this unless it is determined in the field that it would be technically inappropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please call me or Bennie Underwood at (615) 691-5052.

Very truly yours,
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Daniel A. Lovingood, P.G. for
Bennie L. Underwood, P.E.
Project Coordinator

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cc: Wilda Cobb, Esquire, U.S. EPA ORC
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